

2015 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY SENATOR ALARIO AND REPRESENTATIVE KLECKLEY

CONDOLENCES. Expresses sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Charles W. Tapp.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Charles W. Tapp.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned of the death of Charles W. Tapp on May 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a native of Greer, South Carolina, Mr. Tapp was born on August 27, 1928, and was the first of three children to Broadus and Nellie Bruce Tapp; and

WHEREAS, during the Korean War, he served in the United States Army as an instructor and tactical officer in the 47th Division Leadership School at Fort Rucker, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Mr. Tapp enrolled in Louisiana State University and received undergraduate and master's degrees in government; and

WHEREAS, his thesis was entitled, "LONGS" and was cited in a number of published histories of the Long family; and

WHEREAS, as a student, Mr. Tapp worked for the Louisiana Legislative Council researching, preparing, and tracking legislation; and

WHEREAS, he was awarded a university fellowship from Duke University to continue his graduate studies in political science and after a year of study, he joined the

1 faculty of Milsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi; and

2 WHEREAS, after returning to Baton Rouge, Mr. Tapp spent a number of years in
3 public service as a research analyst for the Public Affairs Research Council and later as the
4 head of Community Advancement, Inc. where he spearheaded the development of the anti-
5 poverty program; and

6 WHEREAS, during his tenure, he was instrumental in establishing Head Start and
7 other economic development programs in the greater Baton Rouge area; and

8 WHEREAS, furthering his public service, Mr. Tapp became Director of the Office
9 of Consumer Protection under Governor Edwin W. Edwards and also served as the Director
10 of Policy Analysis and Coordination with the Department of Education; and

11 WHEREAS, he served on the boards of directors of several organizations including
12 Capital Area Transit System, Catholic Social Services for the Diocese of Baton Rouge,
13 LaCapitol Federal Credit Union, and Mid-Louisiana Health Systems; and

14 WHEREAS, he also served on the Consumer Advisory Council of the Federal
15 Energy Administration, the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, and was a member of
16 the United States Army Reserves; and

17 WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Tapp was a student of history, both local and
18 international, and will be remembered for his intelligence, wit, loyalty, integrity, and ability
19 to see and fight for the needs of the whole community; and

20 WHEREAS, from 1984 to 2010, he handled governmental relations for the Beer
21 Industry League of Louisiana, the Wine and Spirits Foundation of Louisiana, the Gulf Coast
22 Conservation Association, and Lehman Williamson & Associates; and

23 WHEREAS, he was highly respected for earning the trust and admiration of the
24 Louisiana Legislature and will forever be remembered and respected for his integrity by all
25 who walk the halls of the capitol; and

26 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Joan Vogel-Tapp; his sons, Daniel Hunter
27 Tapp, Quai Carter Tapp, and Jonathan Michael Tapp; and three grandchildren, Meagan
28 Fairchild, Patrick Tapp, and Esperanza Tapp; and

29 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by a son, Charles Brian Tapp, a grandson,
30 Ryan Joseph Tapp, and his parents, Broadus Daniel and Nellie Tapp; and

1 WHEREAS, with the death of Charles W. Tapp, Louisiana has lost one of its finest
2 citizens who was admired by all whose lives he touched and will be greatly missed; and

3 WHEREAS, his passing has left a tremendous void in the Baton Rouge community,
4 but his love, smile, and personality shall remain eternal in the hearts and minds of his loved
5 ones, friends, and all who had the opportunity to meet and know him.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Charles W. Tapp, does hereby
8 express enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this wonderful gentleman brought
9 to his family, friends, community, and state, and does hereby recognize and record for
10 posterity his accomplishments and contributions to the citizenry of Baton Rouge and the
11 state of Louisiana.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Joan
13 Vogel-Tapp.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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